Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Willow Lake, South Dakota, famous for its "Lake-Bordered-by-Willows," was platted by the Western Land Company of Watertown, South Dakota, in 1887; and,

WHEREAS, Some of the early folks who made their home on the grassy plains of Willow Lake were "Cap" Berry, shoe shop owner Carl Waldow, and postmaster Johnson Jeffries; and,

WHEREAS, On July 4, 1887, Willow Lake, long remembered for its baseball teams, played two games with Bryant and beat them both times; and,

WHEREAS, In 1890, town marshal H.A. Smith was known for his dedication to Willow Lake. The town's first teacher, George Perkins, contributed greatly to the knowledge of the Willow Lake school children; and,

WHEREAS, Willow Lake residents will always remember the deadly tornado which struck the community on August 20, 1904, at 5:30 p.m. The twister destroyed many elevators, three churches, and the schoolhouse; and,

WHEREAS, Though the tornado was a great hardship, Willow Lake residents maintained their good spirits by sharing anecdotes about the tornado, such as when the horse was found on top of a telephone pole 20 feet in the air; and,

WHEREAS, Since the early days of baseball, Willow Lake has always participated in athletics, and during the 1957-58 school year, all the practice paid off. The Willow Lake football team was crowned the Hamlin County Champions under the direction of a great coach, Jack Scott; and,

WHEREAS, Willow Lake suffered many hardships in its early days, but, despite these misfortunes, the early settlers combined their hard work and dedication and made Willow Lake the outstanding community it is today; and,

WHEREAS, This summer, Willow Lake and its friendly residents are celebrating its first one hundred years with memorable festivities and commemorations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 2, 1983, as

WILLOW LAKE CENTENNIAL DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

William Janklow

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alice Kundert

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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